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Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: October 20, 2014
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Kelly Owens, DCS Regional Manager; Mark Munchel, Kathy Hobson and Hannah Robinson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman and Miranda Chamberlin Rush County DCS; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; and Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; Judge Beth Ann Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court; and Catherine McNamara, Wayne County DCS.

Others In Attendance: Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Kara Casavan, Regional Child Welfare Services Consultant; Kory George, Wayne County Probation; Scott Noel, White's Residential and Family Services; Kay Peyton, CTC; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Jennifer Landis, Lifeline; Kaarin Lueck, Wayne County Public Defender's Office; Katrina Tillman, CHOICES; Terri Sigler, Gerry Cyranowski, and Sayward Salazar, Meridian Health Services; Emily Striegler, Community Mental Health; and Jenna Turner, Fayette County Probation.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.



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II. Approval of Minutes

Bill Ammerman moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting. Kelly Broyles seconded the motion which was passed with no opposing votes. Minutes approved.

III. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:

Due to illness, Carl Scheib was unable to attend the meeting. However, Owens announced two upcoming training events: November 19, 2014, "How to Work with Addictive Parents" and December 10, 2014, "Drug Identification Signs and What to Look For".

IV. Regional Coordinator Report:

Kara Casavan reporting:

- Requests for Proposals have ended;
- Next step is to go through the proposals and score them.

V. Regional Finance Manager Report:

Daugherty distributed the Indiana Department of Child Services- Region 12 Family and Children Services Year to Date Comparisons Cumulative for September 2014 report. Highlighted: Foster Home Expenditures have decreased, while residential expenditures have increased over last year; Daugherty is hopeful allocations will be received soon; Expenditures for Region 12 in 2013, \$9 million; currently on pace to reach \$10.5 million for this year.

Judge Mary Willis expressed her concerns that preservation expenditures are going down while residential expenditures are increasing. Willis questioned if Region 12 is not spending its allocated prevention funds as it looks like we are not utilizing those funds. Owens noted DCS has clinical specialists who assist in determining if a child needs to be in an institution. Willis questioned why probation is denied this. She questioned if financially, the Regional Service Council can make that proposal to reallocate the funds to get another person. Owens noted the Regional Service Council is not the correct forum for that as that comes through the admin budget.

There was a discussion between Judge Willis and probation about Region 12 being a pilot for probation to utilize clinical specialists. However there was some confusion as to why it had been denied. Owens stated probation should contact Becky Kime and/or Don Travis regarding the matter.

VI. Other Business:

Owens reported the scoring of RFPs will be November 17, 2014 from 9:00am- 4:30pm, at the Fayette County DCS Office. Owens noted probation personnel attending will be divided into the DCS teams for feedback. Probation cannot score or vote, but the DCS probation consultant can.

VII. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.



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Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2015, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

Meeting Adjourned:

Mark Munchel moved to adjourn with Bill Ammerman seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.



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